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Honorable Ed Smith  
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Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear members of the Montana Supreme Court, you have asked for input on the proposed Rule 8.4 as per the ABA. I would like to comment about this new rule. It bothers me when I read that individuals will be punished or fined or worse just because they don't fall in line with the prevailing opinion on a certain topic.

When I read the 1st Amendment, I see folks being free to express their opinions...period, without fear of reprisals. This has been our way since the founding. The new rule, in my view, would be better served up in Cuba, the Soviet Union, North Korea, Iraq, China...not in the USA.

Therefore, I am asking that you not implement this new rule. Let us allow our judges and lawyers the same freedoms that the rest of us, hopefully, at least for now, enjoy.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Mrs. Garnett Rope  
Assistant Manager/ Fairway Apts.  
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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